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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Sharpless House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, west side, 2nd house from canal

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ YES, RESTRICTED  
☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Walter and Glendora Sharpless

Telephone #: (301) 885-5092

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21915

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Cecil County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Liber #: WAS No. 299

Folio #: 277

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Building

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Adjacent the old Harriott Hotel in Chesapeake City is a two and one-half story frame dwelling, three bays long and one room deep with a porch on its east facade. The entrance is located on the north side of the facade and its door has a large pane of glass in the upper section (added later) with a three-pane transom above. There are three windows on the second story and two dormers on the steeply pitched roof. The two dormers have corner block trim and pediments above the sash. On the south side of the roof rises a brick chimney which is covered with stucco.

Across the facade is a leanto porch having the same posts as the property adjacent. This porch has brackets at their tops whereas the ones on the porch adjacent have been removed. Its roof is covered with raised seam tin.

Asphalt siding in imitation of stone is applied to the exterior walls. All of the windows have 1/1 sash, except one dormer which has 2/2 sash. Originally all windows had 6/6 sash.

On the south gable are two small 2/2 sash windows which are original to the house. A narrow passage separates the house from its neighbor to the south and it adjoins the brick walls of the old Hotel.

The house is constructed upon a granite foundation. Its cornice is original, boxed, with large ovolo crown molding, the same molding, in larger scale, as the dormers. Originally there appears to have been shutters on both stories.

On the rear of the building is a two story, two bay deep, one bay wide leanto with brick chimney on its west side. On both sides of the leanto is a one story leanto in very poor condition. The rear of the leanto has ersatz brick covering.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sharpless House is significant architecturally as one of three buildings in Chesapeake City having similar form and detail, i.e. Dutton-Davis House; Jewell House. It appears to have been constructed during the second quarter of the nineteenth century after the Canal was first opened. It is important because of the existence of much original detailing of the period.

The first owner of record is Firman Layman, keeper of the hotel next door. At his death, Firman Layman willed this house to Eliza Ross, his faithful housekeeper. He also willed her all the furnishings from room number six in the hotel. Will of Firman Layman filed in Cecil County Courthouse.

During the 1930's and 40's, this was the home of Andrew Slicher, a shoemaker. He lived in this house and had his shop in the neighboring building to the south. Before he acquired the building next door, the shoe shop was in the basement.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne &amp; Katherine Wein

April 8, 1976

ORGANIZATION

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City

TELEPHONE

(301) 885-5298

CITY OR TOWN

Chesapeake City

STATE

Maryland 21915

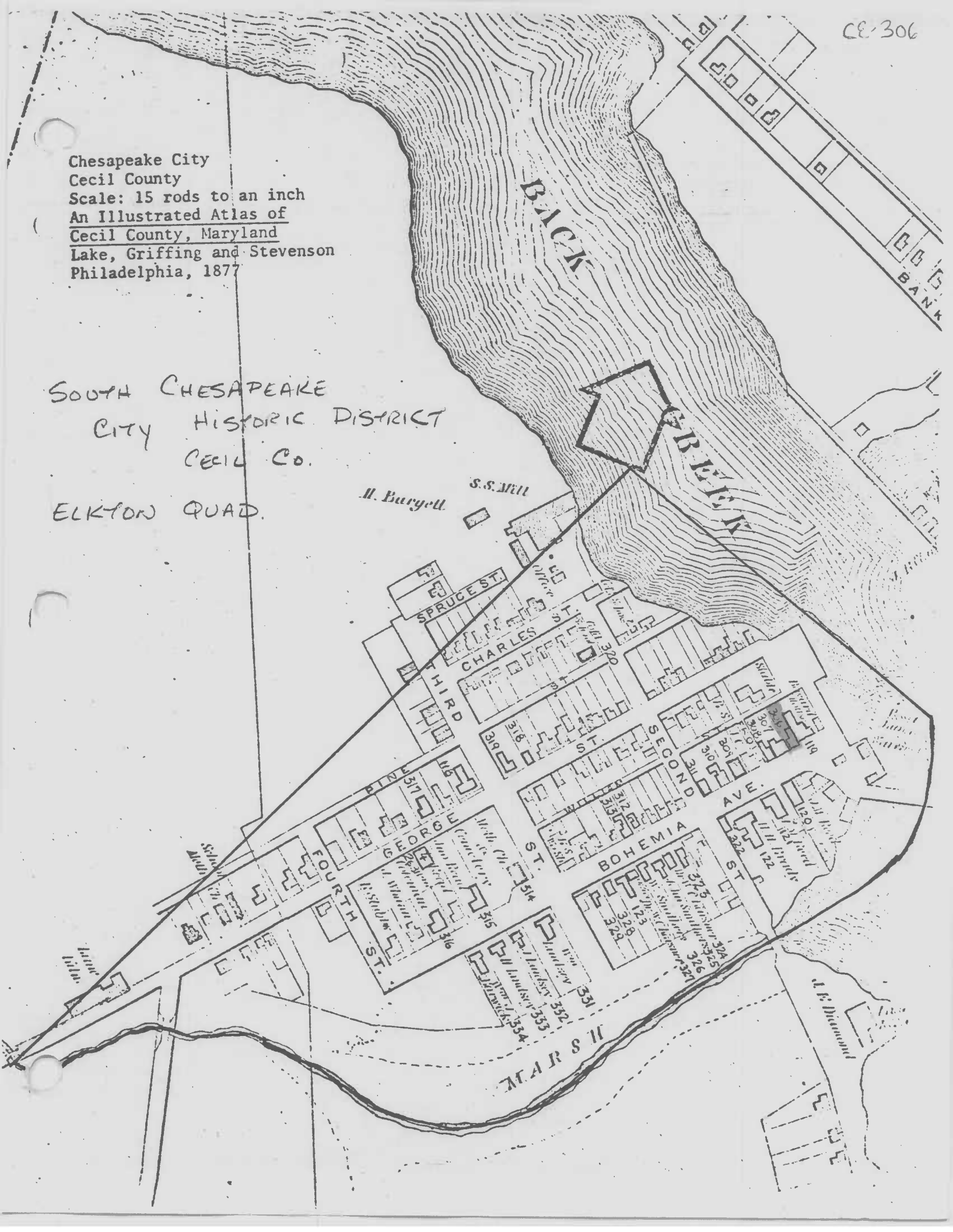
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Chesapeake City  
Cecil County  
Scale: 15 rods to an inch  
An Illustrated Atlas of  
Cecil County, Maryland  
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson  
Philadelphia, 1877

SOUTH CHESAPEAKE  
CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT  
CECIL CO.  
ELKTON QUAD.





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Shanbass House

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Dunstable City



East facade

Sharpless House  
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M. Bourns April 1976